GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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HANDING OVER CONTROL OF ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT TO PROFESSIONALS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to handover the control of Archives department in professional hands in order to undertake exploration and excavation work scientifically;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The National Archives of India is already headed by a professional Archivist on adhoc basis, pending regular appointment. Moreover, exploration and excavation activities do not fall within the purview of the National Archives of India, but fall within the purview of Archaeological Survey of India.

(b)&(c) Do not arise.